

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A polyester fiber comprising polyethylene terephthalate at 90 mol% or higher of a whole repeating unit in a molecular chain thereof, the fiber having an intrinsic viscosity (IV) of 0.85 dl/g or higher and simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

- (a) strength  $\geq 6.0$  cN/dtex;
- (b) strength x (breaking elongation)<sup>0.5</sup>  $\leq 24.0$  cN/dtex.%<sup>0.5</sup>;
- (c) monofilament linear density  $\leq 5.0$  dtex; and
- (d) main dispersion peak temperature of loss tangent (tan  $\delta$ ) in the measurement of dynamic viscoelasticity at 110 Hz  $\leq 147.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; ~~and~~
- (e) ~~birefringence  $> 0.08$ .~~

2-3. (Cancelled)

4. (Original) The polyester fiber according to claim 1, wherein the strength x (breaking elongation)<sup>0.5</sup> is 23.0 cN/dtex.%<sup>0.5</sup> or lower.

5. (Previously Amended) A polyester dipped cord, which is obtainable by twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, where the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber according to claim 1; twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to give a dipped cord simultaneously meeting the following characteristics:

- (a) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity)  $\geq 96\%$ ; and
- (b) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage  $\leq 7.5\%$ .

6. (Original) The polyester dipped cord according to claim 5, wherein the tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) is 98% or higher.
7. (Withdrawn) A method of making a polyester dipped cord, comprising:  
twisting one or more than one base yarn together into a pretwisted yarn, wherein the base yarn is made of a polyester fiber comprising polyethylene terephthalate at 90 mol% or higher of a whole repeating unit in a molecular chain thereof, the fiber having an intrinsic viscosity (IV) of 0.85 dl/g or higher and simultaneously having:
  - (a) strength  $\geq 6.0$  cN/dtex,
  - (b) strength x (breaking elongation)<sup>0.5</sup>  $\leq 24.0$  cN/dtex.%<sup>0.5</sup>,
  - (c) monofilament linear density  $\leq 5.0$  dtex, and
  - (d) main dispersion peak temperature of loss tangent ( $\tan \delta$ ) in the measurement of dynamic viscoelasticity at 110 Hz  $\leq 147.0^\circ\text{C}$ ;twisting two or more pretwisted yarns together into a greige cord; and  
subjecting the greige cord to dip treatment to obtain a dipped cord having:
  - (e) tenacity conversion efficiency in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity)  $\geq 96\%$ , and
  - (f) elongation at a specific load + dry heat shrinkage  $\leq 7.5\%$ .
8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 7, wherein the tenacity conversion efficiency obtained in the dip treatment (dipped cord tenacity / greige cord tenacity) is 98% or higher.
9. (Cancelled).
10. (New) The polyester fiber according to claim 1, having a birefringence  $> 0.08$ .